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SUBJ: GATT BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS CONSULTATIONS: ARGENTINA

REF:(A) GENEVA 4166; B) BUENOS AIRES 3130; (C) BUENOS AIRES 3063

1. GATT BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS COMMITTEE IN FALL WILL SCHEDULE MINI-CONSULTATION ON ARGENTINA, BASED ON GATT DOCUMENT BOP/153 OF 10 JUNE. COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO REQUEST FULL BOP CONSULTATION. (NOTE: IT TAKES ONLY ONE MEMBER TO INVOKE FULL CONSULTATION.)

2. EC (DUGIMONT) HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY THEY INCLINED IN THIS CASE TO BREAK OWN TRADITION OF NOT INVOKING FULL CONSULTATIONS FOR LDCs. ARGENTINA RESTRICTIONS ARE DAMAGING EC TRADE, AND IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ARGENTINA REFERS TO IMPORT PROHIBITIONS SIMPLY AS "LICENSING" RATHER THAN QRS OR PROHIBITIONS. HOWEVER, EC FEELS VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF OWN MEAT RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING ARGENTINE EXPORTS AND IS

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RELUCTANT TO TAKE TO WATER UNAIDED. EC COMMISSIN IS

PREPARED RECOMMEND TO MEMBER STATES THAT EC JOIN IN CALL FOR
FULL CONSULTATIONS IF US WILL SPEAK FIRST.

3. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT ARGENTINE SUBMISSION IN BOP-/153
EWES NOT GIVE CLEAR DESCRIPTIN OF NEW RESTRICTIONS, WHICH
WE UNDERSTAND ARE PRETTY SEVERE. ALSO, IF WE LET
ARGENTINA OFF WITH A "MINI" IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
CONTINUE TO CALL LESSER OFFENDERS BEFORE COMMITTEE. WE
THEREFORE SUGGEST U.S. BE PREPARED AT FALL "MINI-BOP"
TO CALL FOR FULL BOP CONSULTATIONS REGARDLESS OF
WHETER EC ABLE SCREW UP THEIR OWN COURAGE. EARLY INDICATION
OF WASHINGTON WISHES WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DISCUSSION
METTER HERE. DALE

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